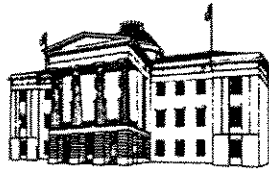


State of North Carolina



BEVERLY EAVES PERDUE
GOVERNOR

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 16

DESIGNATING THE OFFICE OF ECONOMIC RECOVERY AND INVESTMENT AS THE AUTHORIZED ENTITY UNDER THE AMERICAN RECOVERY AND REINVESTMENT ACT STRENGTHENING COMMUNITIES FUND

WHEREAS, the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Administration for Children and Families, Office of Community Services, has solicited applications to award grants to State, local, and Tribal governments to build the capacity of government offices that provide outreach to faith-based and community-based organizations and to assist nonprofit organizations in addressing the broad economic recovery issues present in their communities, including helping low-income individuals secure and retain employment, earn higher wages, obtain better-quality jobs, and gain greater access to State and Federal benefits and tax credits; and

WHEREAS, the application for this grant program, entitled the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act Strengthening Communities Fund—State, Local and Tribal Government Capacity Building Program, requires the designation by Executive Order or other means of an Authorized Entity to apply for and administer the grant.


NOW THEREFORE, by the power vested in me as Governor by the Constitution and laws of the State of North Carolina, **IT IS ORDERED**:

The North Carolina Office of Economic Recovery and Investment is hereby designated on behalf of the State of North Carolina as the Authorized Entity to apply for and administer grants made available by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Administration for Children and Families, Office of Community Services, under the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act Strengthening Communities Fund—State, Local and Tribal Government Capacity Building Program. The Office of Economic Recovery and Investment will have the full support of the Executive Branch and the authority to implement the activities of the grant.


This order is effective immediately and shall remain in effect until rescinded.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto signed my name and affixed the Great Seal of the State of North Carolina at the Capitol in the City of Raleigh, this sixth day of July in the year of our Lord two thousand and nine, and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred and thirty-third.




Beverly Eaves Perdue
Governor

ATTEST:


Elaine F. Marshall
Secretary of State